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**GUATEMALAN NATIONAL SENTENCED ON COCAINE
AND METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGES**

– Dealt in \$153,000 of cocaine and meth

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Jorge Hernandez-Pineda**, age 34, of Guatemala City, Guatemala, was sentenced to 7 years and 3 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Hernandez-Pineda to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Hernandez-Pineda is a Guatemalan national, who is subject to deportation following service of his sentence.

Hernandez-Pineda plead guilty and admitted that from on or about and between July 28, 2006, and September 15, 2006, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, he conspired with others to knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 484.9 grams of methamphetamine, worth an estimated \$48,000.00 on the street, and 1054.3 grams cocaine, worth approximately \$105,000.00 on the street.

On July 31, 2006, a DEA confidential informant (CI) spoke with Hernandez-Piñeda on the telephone and arranged the purchase of 2 ounces of cocaine. Hernandez-Pineda told the CI that he would be sending another person to deliver the cocaine at a gas station in Simpsonville,

Kentucky. Later that day, the CI went to the gas station, and purchased 2 ounces of cocaine in exchange for \$1,700. This exchange was observed by DEA Special Agents.

On August 7, 2006, the CI spoke with Hernandez-Pineda about the purchase of 3 ounces of methamphetamine. He informed the CI that he would deliver the methamphetamine to the CI at a gas station in Waddy, Kentucky. Later that same day, Hernandez-Pineda, accompanied by an unidentified Hispanic male, met the CI in Waddy, Kentucky, and exchanged 3 ounces of methamphetamine for \$3,900.

On September 15, 2006, the CI spoke with Hernandez-Pineda on the telephone, and arranged the delivery of one kilogram of cocaine and a ½ kilogram of methamphetamine. Later that day, the CI met Hernandez-Pineda at the same gas station in Waddy, Kentucky, and received the cocaine and methamphetamine. Upon making the delivery, Hernandez-Pineda was arrested.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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